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## (54) Roller skate boot comprising a cuff buckling device

(57) A cuff buckling apparatus to ease the buckling of an in-line skate boot having a cuff is provided. The in-line skate (20) includes a boot (22) having front and back portions corresponding to the front and back of a skater's leg, and medial and lateral portions corresponding to the medial side and lateral side of the skater's leg respectively. A leg cuff (40) encases the back, medial and lateral portions of the boot (22), and includes a cuff flap (46) originating proximate the medial portion of the boot (22). The cuff flap (46) has sufficient length to cross the front portion of the boot (22) when folded over the front of the boot (22). A buckle lever (48) is coupled to the leg cuff (40) proximate the lateral portion of the boot (22), and a buckle strap (52) is mounted to the buckle lever (48). A buckle strap latching mechanism (50) attaches to the cuff flap (46), and engages the free end of the buckle strap (52). The leg cuff (40) is tightened around the skater's leg upon actuating the buckle lever (48).

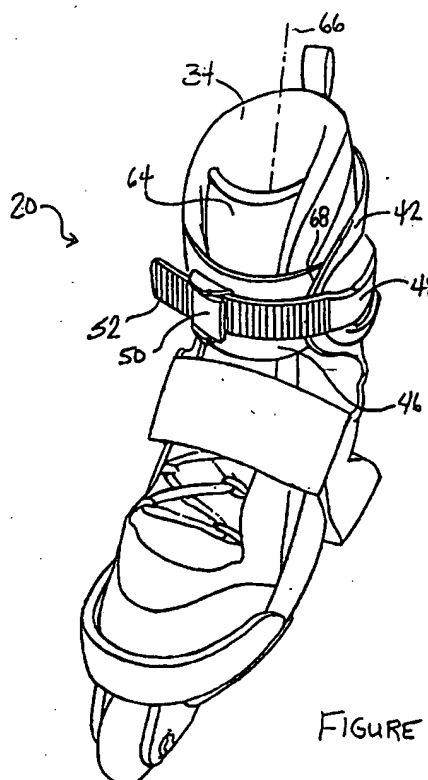


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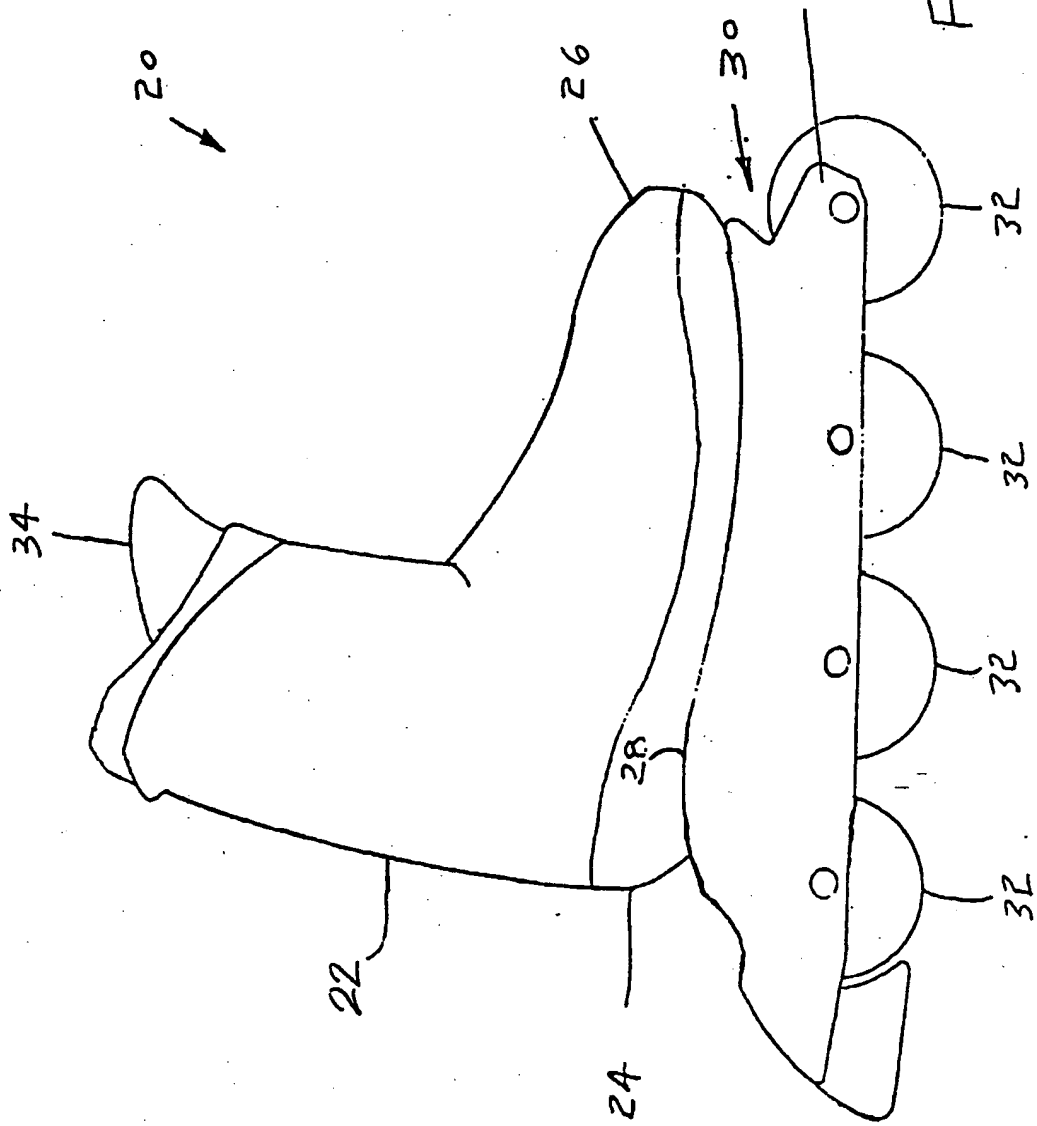
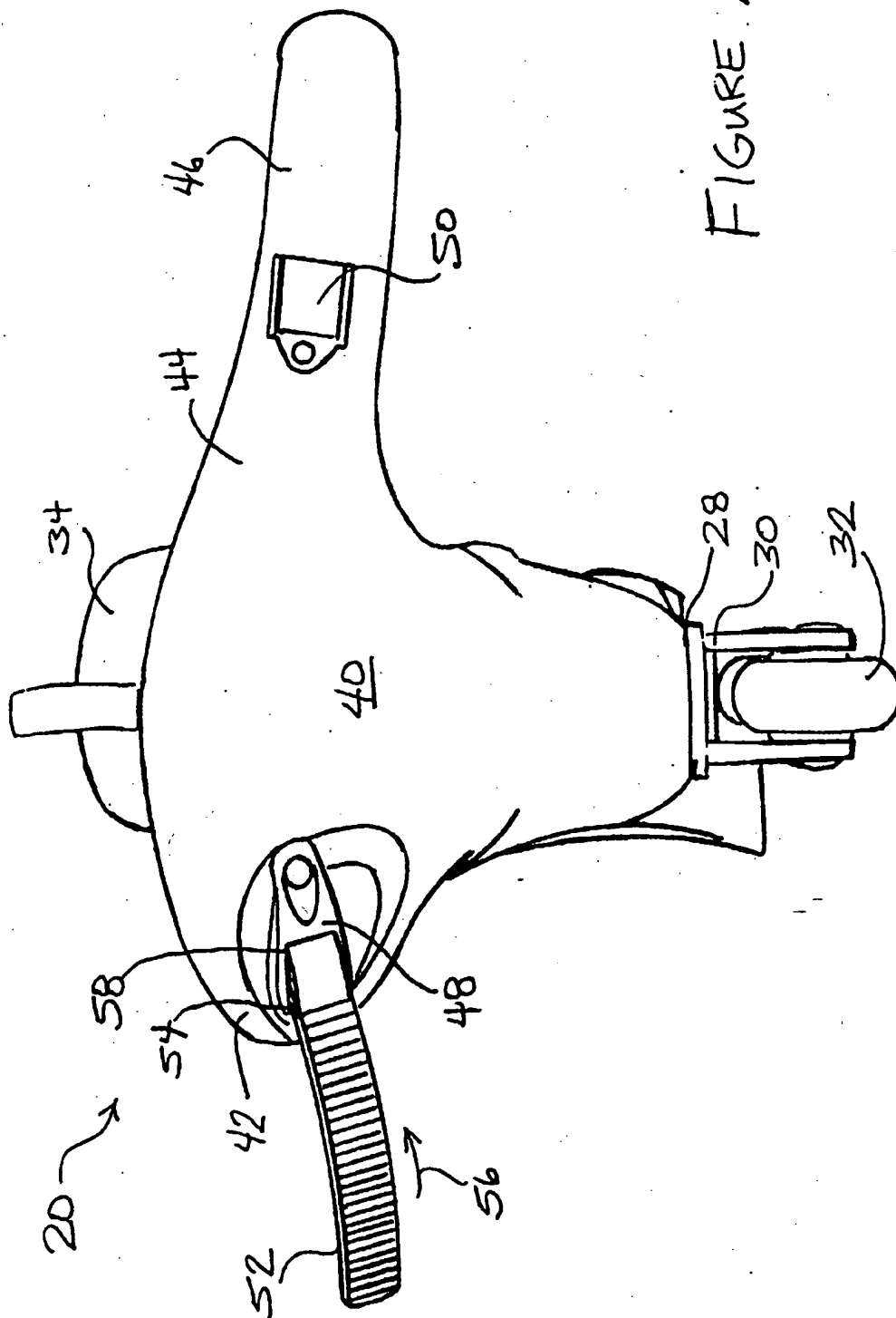


Figure 1



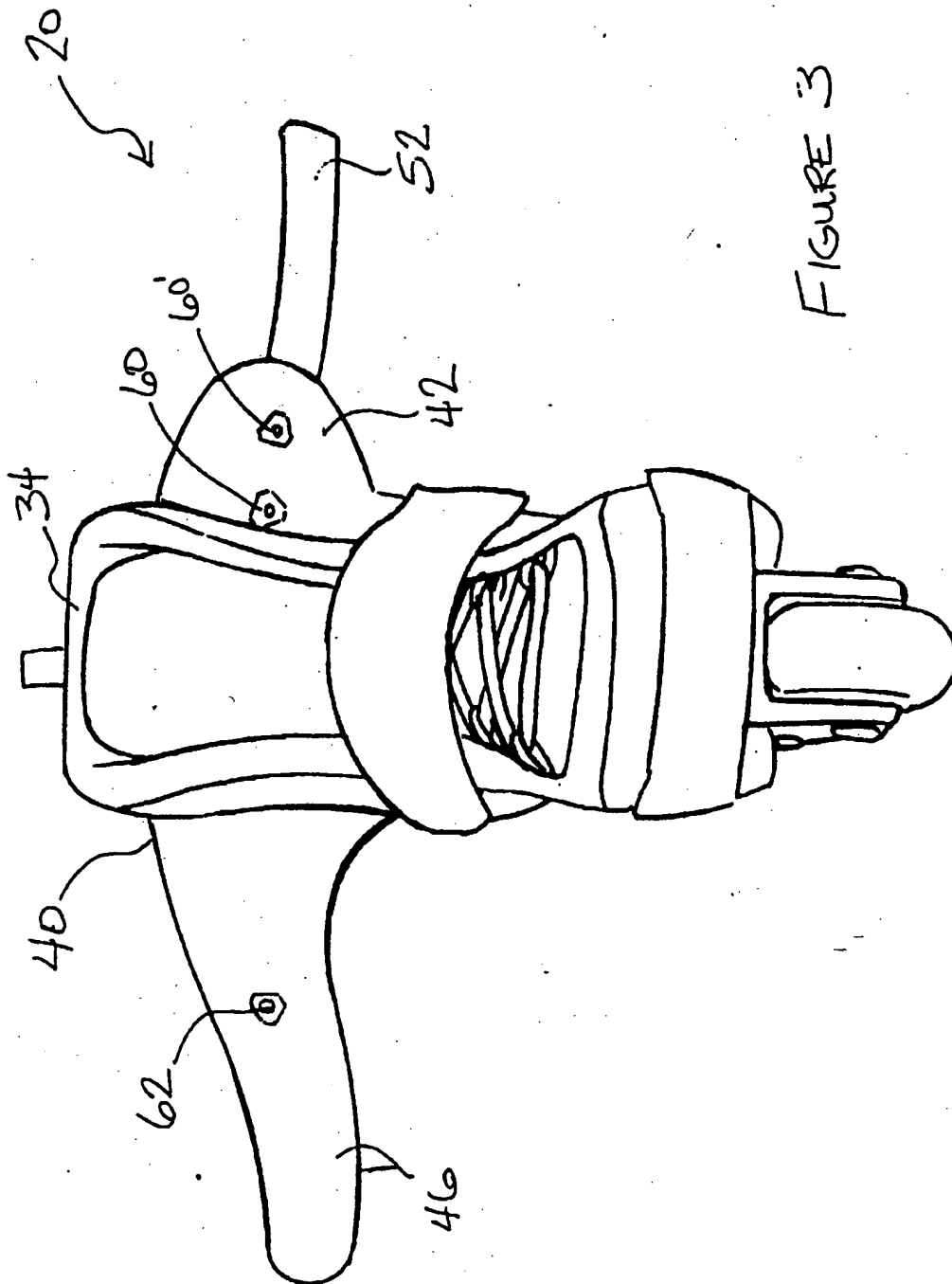


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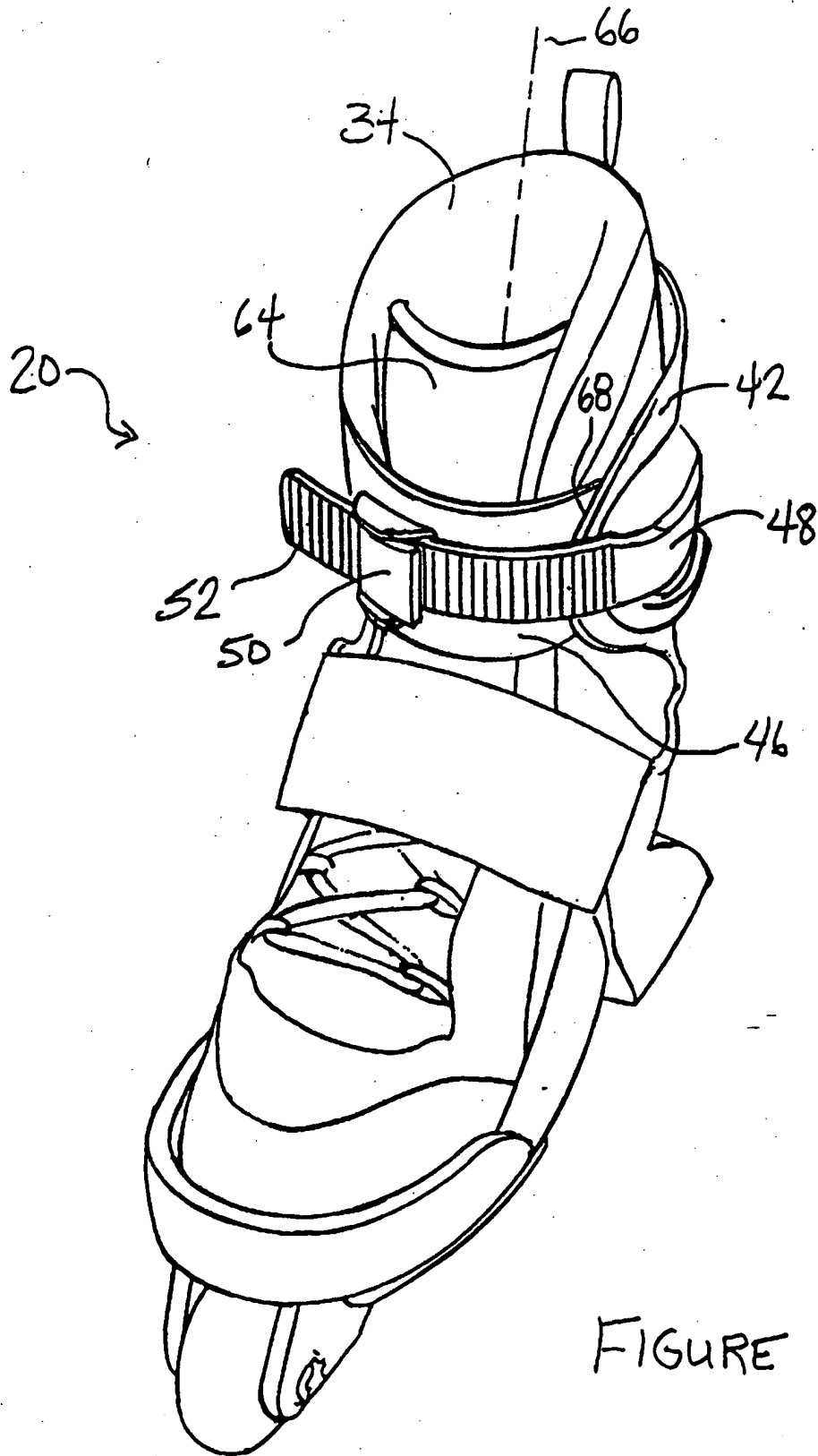


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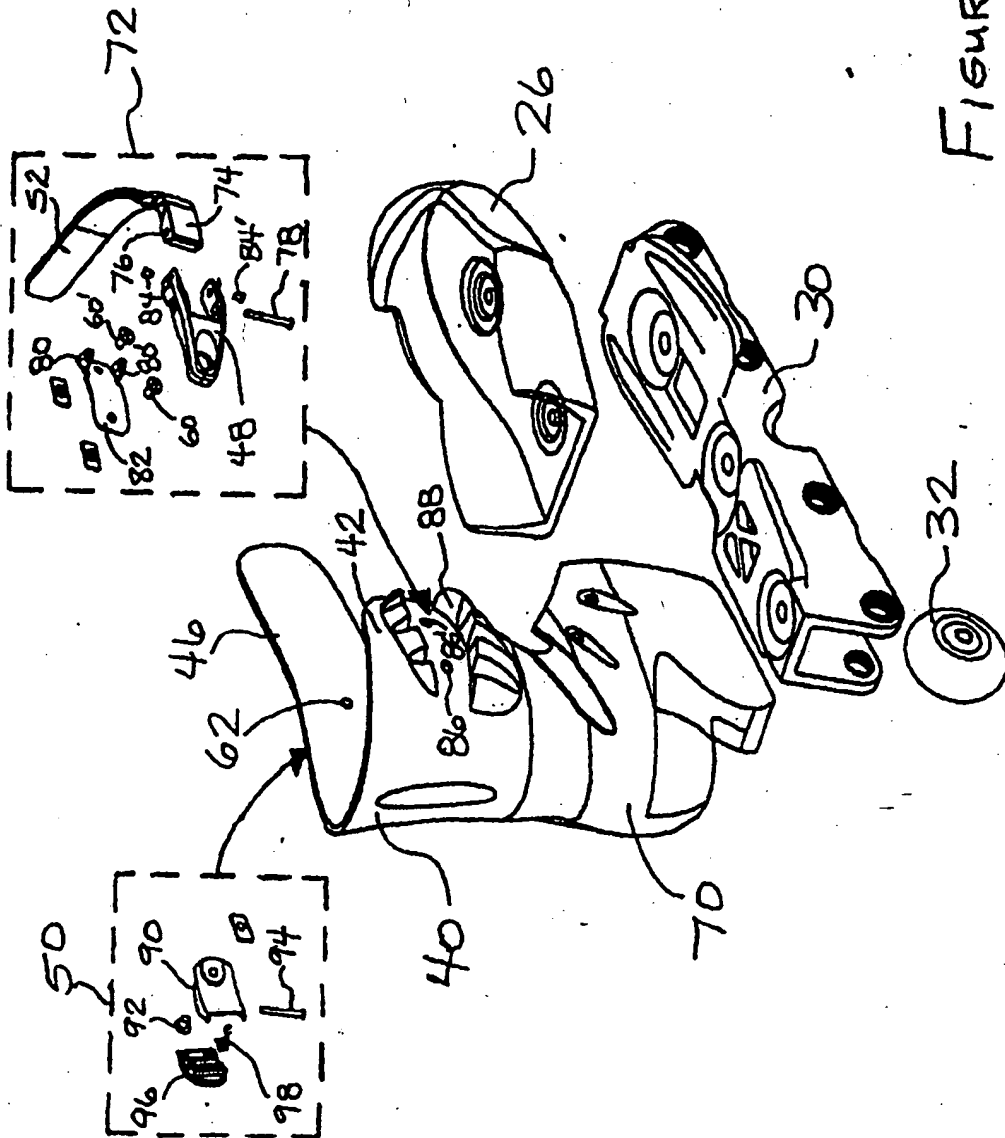


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